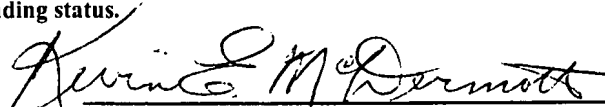


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES				105 PCT/US	
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)				U.S. APPLICATION NO. (IF KNOWN, SEE 37 CFR	
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371				09/646944	
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/DE99/00606		INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE March 1, 1999		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED April 16, 1998	
TITLE OF INVENTION METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CUTTING FOILS					
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Hopfensitz et al.					
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:					
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li><li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li><li>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).</li><li>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.</li><li>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c) (2))<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</li><li>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau.</li><li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li></ol></li><li>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).</li><li>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210).</li><li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</li><li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau.</li><li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li><li>d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li></ol></li><li>9. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li><li>10. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).</li><li>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IPEA/409).</li><li>12. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).</li></ol>					
Items 13 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:					
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</li><li>14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li><li>15. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <b>FIRST</b> preliminary amendment.</li><li>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> preliminary amendment.</li><li>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li><li>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.</li><li>19. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Mailing by Express Mail</li><li>20. <input type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:</li></ol>					

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09/646944 21. The following fees are submitted:				CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY	
<b>BASIC NATIONAL FEE ( 37 CFR 1.492 (a) (1) - (5) ) :</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO and International Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO ..... \$970.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO ..... \$840.00 <input type="checkbox"/> International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO ..... \$690.00 <input type="checkbox"/> International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) but all claims did not satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) ..... \$670.00 <input type="checkbox"/> International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) ..... \$96.00 <b>ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =</b>				\$840.00	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (e)).				\$0.00	
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Total claims	14 - 20 =	0	x \$18.00	\$0.00	
Independent claims	2 - 3 =	0	x \$78.00	\$0.00	
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable). <input type="checkbox"/>				\$0.00	
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				<b>\$840.00</b>	
Reduction of 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. Verified Small Entity Statement must also be filed (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28) (check if applicable). <input type="checkbox"/>				\$0.00	
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Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (f)).				\$0.00	
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>				<b>\$840.00</b>	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31) (check if applicable). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				\$40.00	
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>				<b>\$880.00</b>	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of <b>\$880.00</b> to cover the above fees is enclosed.  <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <b>08-2461</b> A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.					
NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.					
SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:					
Charles R. Hoffmann, Esq. Hoffmann & Baron, LLP 6900 Jericho Turnpike Syosset, New York 11791			<div style="text-align: center;">               SIGNATURE           </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> <b>Kevin E. McDermott</b>              NAME           </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> <b>35,946</b>              REGISTRATION NUMBER           </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> <b>September 22, 2000</b>              DATE           </div>		

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I verify that the attached English translation is a true and correct translation made by me of the attached documents in the German language of International Application PCT/DE99/00606;

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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